



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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To: Participating Agencies

From: Chair, Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group

Subject: Recruitment for 2009-2011 term RMA Incident Management Teams

Reply Due – December 1, 2008

The Rocky Mountain Area (RMA) is recruiting for team members and trainees for all Incident Management Teams (IMTs) for the period 2009 through 2011. **All interested personnel must apply to be considered** for selection to any position as a primary, job-share, or trainee team member.

New Team Direction: The RMA is in the process of restructuring all teams to better achieve long-term management objectives. This process is explained in the Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group's (RMCG) Vision Letter for the future of RMA IMTs, which is attached to this announcement. Restructuring may also affect/constrain team member mobilization for All-Risk/long-term incidents. Applicants should read the RMCG Vision Letter for specific details.

Teams and Incident Commanders: The RMA now supports four IMTs and one Fire Use Support Group (FUSG). Each team and their Incident Commander/Fire Use Manager is listed below:

IMT1 (National) Paul Summerfelt

IMT2 (RMA, Team A) Bill Hahnenberg

IMT2 (RMA, Team B) Todd Pechota

IMT2 (RMA/Zone, Team C) Joe Lowe

FUSG (Fire Use Support Group) Ken Kerr

Documents: A copy of this memo, the RMCG Vision Letter, team position list, and an RMA IMT application form is posted on web at: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc> under "Other Fire News".

Positions available: Each of the four Incident Management Teams have a slightly different mixture of positions that comprise the team roster. A listing of all the positions presently identified for inclusion in Rocky Mountain Area Teams is attached for your use in determining what you wish to apply.

Trainees: Since 2003, the RMCG has sponsored nearly three times as many assigned trainees as in prior years. Over one hundred of these trainees have been recommended for certification. To continue this great success, we are encouraging everyone in the fire community in need of on-the-job training, and who is willing to commit to team participation, to apply to be identified as a trainee. ***Applicants may apply for training in any position that you have been issued a training task-book, including positions not identified as part of a primary team roster.*** Trainees assigned to a team will be expected to be available to respond whenever the team is assigned. Upon successful completion of their training, the trainee will be recommended for certification by their agency, and a new trainee will be selected for the team. When certified, the individual is encouraged to submit an application to support the IMT program.

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Fire Use Support Group: In addition to the four IMTs, the RMCG is recruiting for a five person FUSG (FUM1, OSC2 (with fire use experience), LTAN, GISS or SITL, FUM2). The role of the FUSG is to assist, monitor and train RMA IMTs in all aspects of long term fire management and planning. The last three positions would be mobilized if an assigned team anticipated that the FUSG would be needed to help develop a Long Term Plan (WFIP3, LTIP or WFDSS Response Level 3). The need for these three positions would also be dependant upon the IMTs availability of these skills.

Application: Please complete the attached RMA Fire Team application, include a copy of your Fire Training and Experience Record, have your application signed by your immediate supervisor and any other required local approvals, and then **submit it through your sponsoring agency's channels to the agency's Operations Committee Representative (listed below) by December 1, 2008.**

Non-federal or out-of-RMA applicants who do not have an agency representative on the Operations Committee should submit their application to the Operations Committee Chair, Clair Brown. Questions should be directed to your Operations Committee representative.

Selection: Applicants will be selected based on RMA position needs and interagency priorities. Selection priority will be: 1st - RMA agency applicants, 2nd – Out-of-RMA agency applicants, 3rd – RMA AD's, 4th – Out-of-RMA AD's. **Team Rosters should be finalized by February 1, 2009.**

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Attachments: RMCG Strategic Vision Letter
RMA Incident Management Team Application Form
Listing of Positions Utilized on RMA Teams

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